

REMARKS

EXAMINER'S COMMENTS

The Examiner asserts that:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-6, 14-18, 21 and 22, drawn to a method and composition whitening a tooth surface comprising a hypochlorite and a peroxide, classified in class 424, subclass 53.
- II. Claims 7-13 drawn to a method for whitening the surface of a tooth.
- III. Claims 19 and 20, drawn to a method for diagnosis and determination of tooth whitening options, classified in class 433, subclass 215.

APPLICANT'S COMMENTS – GROUP

Applicant argues that all the claims pending can be easily examined in a single application.

However, to advance the prosecution, Applicant elects Group I to the composition with traverse. Applicant has amended some claims shown hereinabove as compositions and these claims should be examined as new elected Group I: Claims 1-6, 7-13, 14-18, 21 and 22.

APPLICANT'S COMMENTS – SPECIES

Again Applicant argues that all species described herein can be easily examined as a group without undue hardship on the Examiner.

However, to advance the prosecution, Applicant elects hypochlorite in part A and hydrogen peroxide in part B as the active species to be searched, with traverse.

SUMMARY

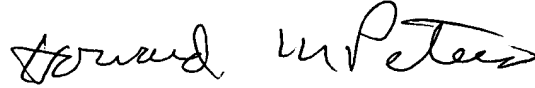
Applicant argues that with these amendments, the now pending claims are of a form and scope for allowance. Prompt notification is hereby requested.

The amendments herein do not constitute an estoppel or waiver of original rights.

Applicant plans to file continuation and divisional U.S. patent applications during the pendency of the present application.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge or credit Deposit Account 16-1331 if needed for this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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